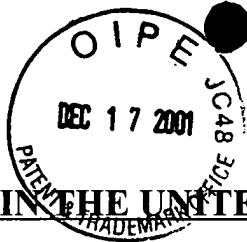


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 19, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph between page 5, line 20 and page 6, line 5, with the following:

-- Light beams emitted from the light source 3 disposed adjacent the front side surface 1f enter the light guide 1. Since the angle of elevation of the front side 1d is small ($90^\circ - \theta_1$), most of light reflected from the front side 1d is re-reflected from the inside surface of the discharge surface 1b, and a small quantity of light discharges from the